

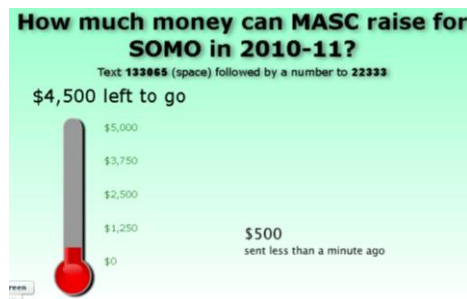
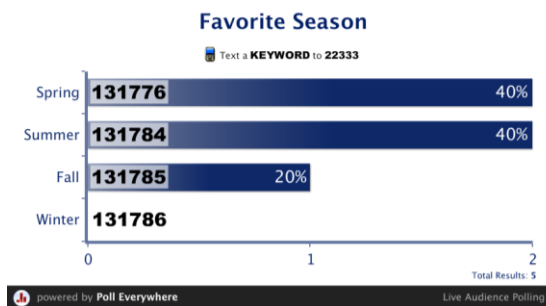
# TECHNOLOGY TO ENGAGE, COMMUNICATE, AND HAVE FUN!

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“If we teach today’s students as we taught yesterday’s,  
we rob them of tomorrow.” - John Dewey –

## **Poll Everywhere** [www.polleverywhere.com](http://www.polleverywhere.com)

- Conduct Live, Free polling to audiences. Project poll for people to follow in real-time.
- People will respond via Text Message at no cost to them.
- Conduct multiple-choice, free-text, or goal polls. Results update in real-time, can be exported.
- [www.iVoted.com](http://www.iVoted.com) is another free service – nearly identical



## **Read It Later** [readitlaterlist.com](http://readitlaterlist.com)

- Ever have some articles online that you can't read now but want to “read it later?” Use ReadItLater to save webpages and easily access later via browser or via smartphone.
- Works best with FireFox (installs as an add-in). Able to save pages so you can view offline.



**Wordle**™

[www.wordle.net](http://www.wordle.net) or [www.tagxedo.com](http://www.tagxedo.com)

- Generate “word clouds” from text you provide. The clouds give greater prominence to words that appear more frequently in the text.



## **letscrate.com** or <http://ge.tt>

- Upload files to a website (the “cloud”) and share the link to those files with others.
- Instead of emailing large files and filling your mailbox, share the link where users can download them.

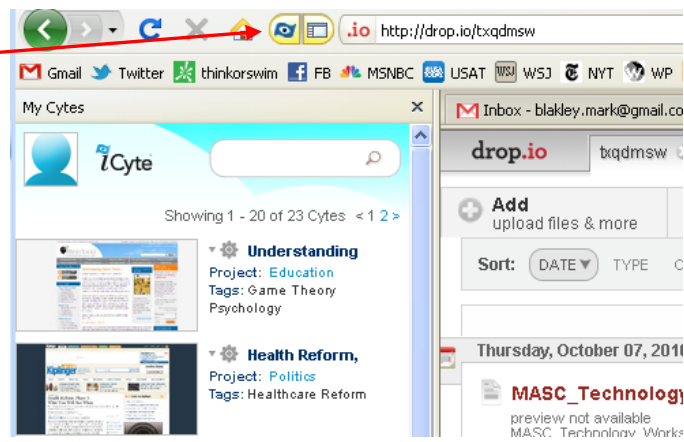
 **Let's Crate.**  
Ridiculously easy file-sharing.

Video on why to use technology in the classroom!: <http://bit.ly/techinclass>



[www.icyte.com](http://www.icyte.com)

iCyte buttons



- Want to save great online articles or pages but don't want to print and file them away?
- Use iCyte to create your own online library.
- iCyte saves websites just as they appear, to be accessed anytime – even when offline.
- Free for education users (need .edu email).



[www.dafont.com](http://www.dafont.com)

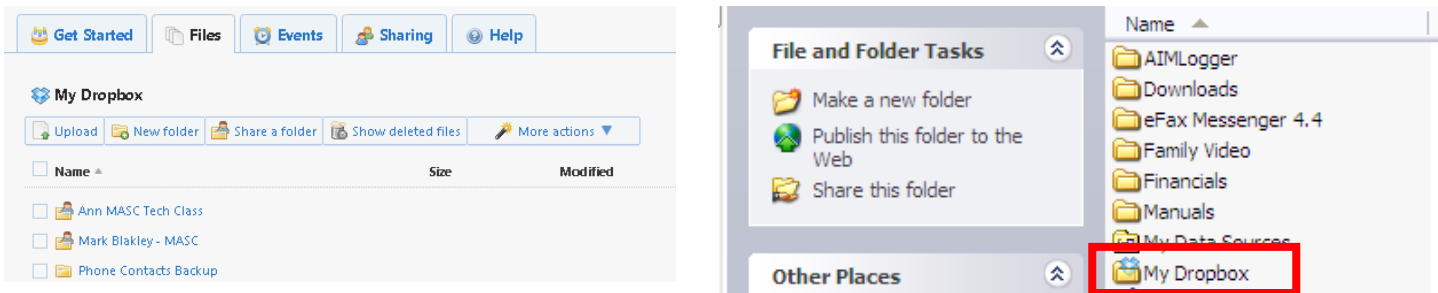


- A huge library of Free fonts.
- Easy to install on your system so fonts appear in all programs.
- Learn how to “install” the fonts: <http://www.dafont.com/faq.php>



[www.dropbox.com](http://www.dropbox.com)

- Dropbox installs a folder on your computer. Any file/folder put in your Dropbox folder will be accessible on your other Dropbox folders on other computers. Eliminates the need to carry USB keys or email files.
- Also able to create an unlimited number of “shared” folders. Grant anyone access to this folder and everyone can access the files in it. Great for wanting to get the same files to multiple people.



<http://e.ggtimer.com> 

- Fast and Extremely Easy way to create a “count-down” timer
- Instead of telling students you have 30 minutes to complete this assignment, why not just project this site so all can watch the time count-down.

[www.depositfiles.com](http://www.depositfiles.com)

- Send files up to 2GB. Simply upload the file and the recipient will receive a message to download it.

[bit.ly](http://bit.ly) or [tiny.cc](http://tiny.cc)

- Take long URL's and shorten to share with others. Able to customize the ending of the URL.
- Able to track how many people have clicked on the URL and where they are located.  
Example: <http://www.nasc.us/NASCConferencesandPrograms/NationalStudentLeadershipWeek.aspx>  
Shorten to: <http://bit.ly/masctech>

[www.techsmith.com/jing](http://www.techsmith.com/jing)

- Take a picture or make a short video of what you see on your computer monitor.
- Share it instantly via web, email, IM, Twitter, or your blog.

